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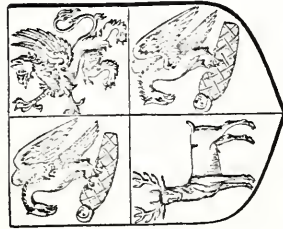
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Culcheth.

## Culcheth of Culcheth, co. Lancaster.

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ARMS.—Quarterly 1 and 4. Argent (or or) an eagle sable, preying upon an infant swaddled gules, banded or. [CULCHETH.] 2. Argent a griffin segreant azure (or sable), armed or. [CULCHETH.] 3. Azure a hind statant (gy. lodged?) argent. [HINDLEY.] Sometimes the griffin is borne in the 2nd and 3rd quarters.

CREST.—On a cap of maintenance a naked blackamoore standing, holding in his dexter hand a dart, all proper.

CULCHETH in Cheshire bore Sable a griffin salient or, sometimes argent. [EDMONDSON.]

Henry de Culcheth, with Alan de Rixton and Simon de Bedeford, gave pledges to stand their trial for the murder of G. de Spoundum, A.D. 1200. (*Rot. de Oblatis*, 98.)

Norman  
de Cul-  
cheth.

Gilbert de Culcheth, of Cul.—Lady Cecilia de Lathom.

Living and a widow in 1275. *It was from this marriage that the Culcheths, Rastey, and Holcroft families adopted the eagle and child as their arms,\* this quarter being common to all three families.*

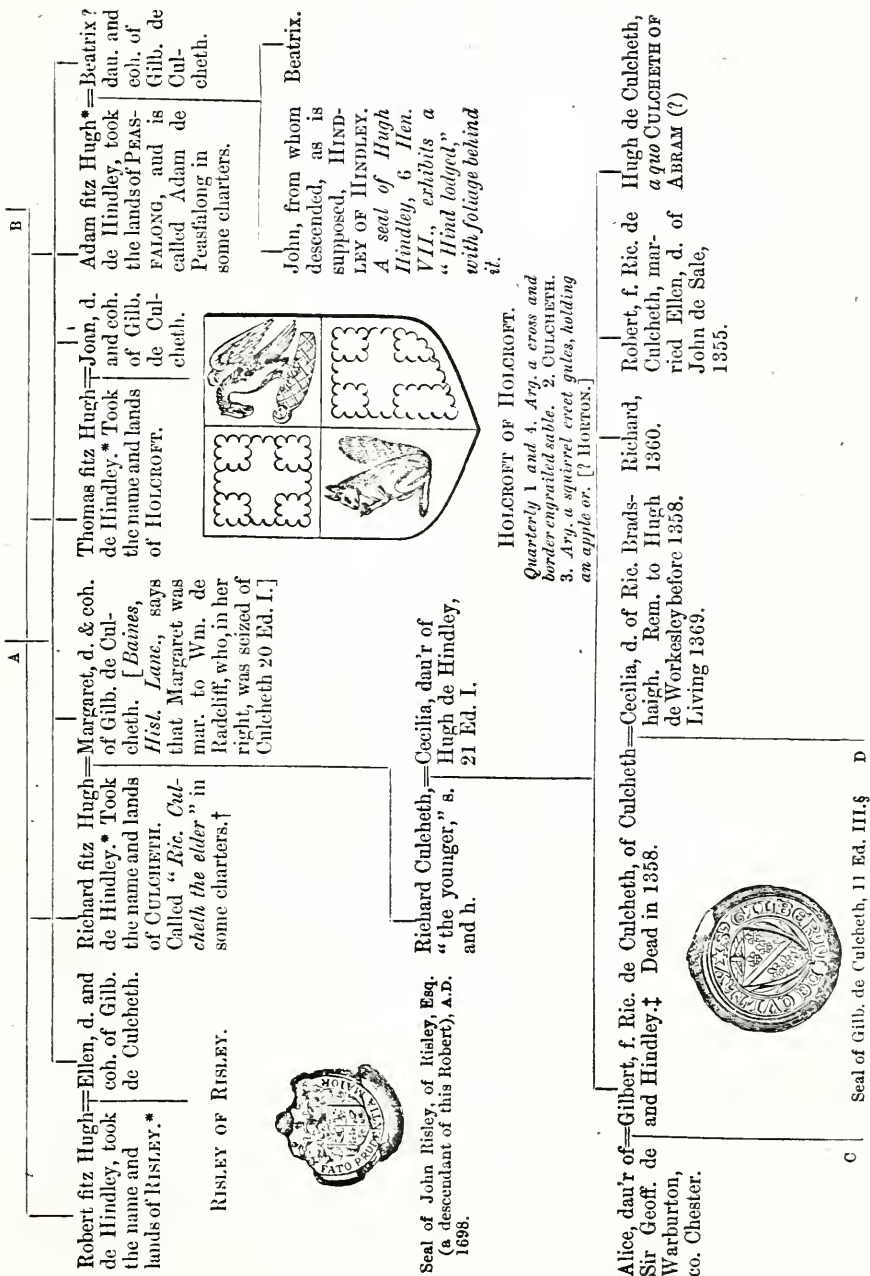
Hugh de Hindley, of Hindley, co. Lancaster. Had grants of lands in Hindley from Robt. Banastre, Lord of Makerfield, to whom he was military tenant; from Wm. de Wythenlache, Ric. Fitz Wyon, Wm. Fitz Roger de Ynes (Ince), and from Robt. f. Robt. de Winwick. He married Beatrix . . . His 4 sons married the 4 daughters of Gilb. de Culcheth.†

\* Saturday the morrow of the invention of the Holy Cross, 1275 at Thorneton. *D'na Cecilia de Lathon* demised to *Ric. de Culcheth*, her son-in-law ("generum suum"), her one-third of Culcheth Mill, which she held in dower for her life. And grants that her tenants should grind there as in Gilb. de Culcheth's life. *Witnesses* Rob. de Presammarie de Thorneton, Will. de Northmels, Rob. de Yndelea, Ric. the Clerk.

*Lord Robert de Lathom* witnesses a grant from Rob. f. Rob. de Winwick to Ric. de Hindlelegh (*temp.* Hen. III. or Ed. I.) of two bovates in Lawton. The grantee to render homage and a pair of iron spurs or two-pence.

† William le Botiller grants to Hugh de Hindley the marriage of the heirs of Gilbert de Culcheth. *Witnesses* Lord Radulf the Chaplain, Roger de Opton, Hen. Pincerna, Hen. de Tildesley, Roger de Sonky, Thurstan de Holland, Adam de Holland, Gilb. de Sutheworth, John de Adburgham, Rob. de Lanton, and Rob. de Whitfeld Clerk.













<p><b>E</b></p> <p>John Culcheth of Culcheth, Esq., s. and h. of Sir Thomas Cecillia, d. of Sir Thomas Southworth of Samlesbury, Knt. Renarried to Tho. Clifton of Westthy, Esq.</p>	<p>Margaret, m. to Geoffrey Jolybrande, of Peele, gent.</p>	<p>Elizabeth, m. to Roger Lever of Bolton, gent.</p>	<p>Helen. — Alice. Clemence.</p>	<p>Gilbert, 2 son. The Winwick reg. records in 1604 the burial of a wife of Mr Gilb. Culcheth, and his own burial in 1605.</p>
<p>John Culcheth of Culcheth, Esq. Died 24 Sept. 1 Car. I., 1624.</p>	<p>Mande, dan'r of John Poole of Poole in Wirral, co. Chester, Esq.</p>	<p>2. Thomas. } Ob. s. p. 3. Gilbert. }</p>	<p>Mary, m. to John Urnston of West Leigh, co. Lanc. He died 1632.</p>	
<p>John Culcheth of Culcheth, Esq. bapt. at Newchurch 10 Dec. 1599. = Jane or Christian, dan'r of John Hawarden of Farnel Street, Died 17 July, 1640.* Seized in tail male of the manors of Culcheth in Farnworth, co. Lanc. Married 1618. Marriage agree- and Hindley and of lands there and in Ince. Inq. p. m. 17 Car. I. ment, in which she is called Christian, dated 8 Aug. 2 Jac. I.</p>	<p>2. Thomas Culcheth of Culcheth, Esq., bapt. at Newchurch 5 May 1628. Aged 36 in 1664. Will dated Feb. 1683. Bur. in his chapel at Winwick in linen 20 Dec. 1683.</p>	<p>Anne, dan'r of James Bradstlaigh of Haigh, Esq., and sister of Sir Roger Bradstlaigh, Knt. Bur. at Winwick 17 March, 1707.</p>	<p>3. Charles, a priest. Bapt. at Newchurch 11 April, 1631.</p>	<p>4. Gilbert, ob. <i>infans</i>. Mary, bapt. at Newchurch 23 April, 1633. Chorley of D. unmarried. Chorley. Bur. at Winwick 20 Feb. 1661. 1660.</p>
<p>John Culcheth, Esq., died of the wounds which he received in the wars, fighting on the side of the King, 1647.</p>	<p>Anne, bapt. at Winwick 6 April, 1661. Mar. to Richard Stanley of Eccleston, Esq.</p>	<p>Catherine, bapt. at Winwick 19 Aug. 1663. Mar. in 1688 to John Trafford of Gyroston, Esq. She inherited the estates on the death of her nephew Thomas, and conveyed them to her husband. The estates are now the property of Thomas Ellames Withington, Esq., having been purchased by his father.</p>		F

\* The family was much harassed, and severely fined, by the Republican party during the Rebellion, and for some years reduced to dependency upon their friends, but recovered some of their property at the Restoration.



John Culcheth, Esq., bapt. at Winwick 8 Oct. 1650. Aged 13 in 1664. Buried at Winwick 4 Feb. 1681-2.	2. Thomas, a priest, bapt. at Winwick 15 April, 1634.*	3. James, a priest, bapt. at Winwick 3 Dec. 1665.	Jane, bapt. at Winwick 26 Oct. 1652.	Mary Stanislaus, bapt. at Winwick 8 Dec. 1654. A nun at Pontoise. Died 1701.
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Thomas Culcheth, Esq., living 1725. Died s. p. and buried at Winwick = "Mrs. Ann, wife of Mr. Tho. Culcheth, 8 Oct. 1747, when the estates passed to his aunt Catherine. His seal has Esq., of Culcheth, buried 16 July, 1747." John. Anne. upon it the arms—*Quarterly 1 and 4. A griffin segreant. 2 and 3. An eagle preying upon a child.* (Winwick Register.)

Mrs. Mary Culcheth of Hindley buried at Winwick 7 April, 1657.

Geoffrey Culcheth witnesses the signatures to a deed 16 Dec. 1700.

In the cemetery at Bruges is a grey marble monument, having the following inscription :—"This stone was erected by Mary Ann Culcheth as a tribute of respect and esteem to the memory of her late husband, JOHN CULCHETH, Esq., late of Liverpool, who departed this life at Bruges the 29th January, 1845, aged 44 years."

\* This entry and several others of the Culcheth family are not entered as baptisms in the Winwick Registers, but as "*Births under the new act.*"

#### Notes to p. 4 :—

\* *Robert, f. Hugh de Hindley*, with *Elen* his wife, and *his brothers Richard, Thomas, and Adam*, divide the inheritance of *Gilb. de Culcheth*. Witnesses Lord Wm. de Boillier, Rob. Banastir, Thurstan de Holand, Alan de Wyndul, Adam de Holand, *milites*, Hen. de Tildesley, Wm. de Atherton, Alan de Ryxton, Gilb. de Southworth, Ric. de Halsall, Wm. Buld, Ric. Pynnyngton, *et alij*. [*A long Latin deed, in which the boundaries of the several estates are given.*]

† Ric. f. Hugh de Hyndeley and Margery his wife acknowledge to have received, as their share of the inheritance of Gilb. de Culcheth, his capital messuage and other lands in Culcheth which were set out by metes and bounds. Witnesses the same as the former one (\*), except that "Buld" is spelt "Bold."

‡ *Saturday in Vigilia clausa Pasche*, 19 Ed. III. *Gilb. de Culcheth* grants to his son Gilbert and Joan his wife, dau'r of Adam de Kenyon, THE MANOR OF HINDLEY IN TAIL. Remainder to John, Gilbert's son by Cecilia, dau'r of Ric. Bradshaigh. Item'r to Wm, John's brother, in tail. Item. to Wm., son of Gilb. de Urneston, in tail. Rem'r to Gilb., the grantor, in fee. Witnesses Gilb. de Haydock, David de Egerton, Simon de Holand, Adam de Holerof, Wm. Gerard, and Hen. Glibbroun.

§ These appear to be the ancient arms of Culcheth, and would seem to be founded upon those of Boteler—*Azure a bend between six covered cups or*. The eagle and child coat does not appear until a later date.



## Risley of Risley, co. Lancaster.\*

ARMS.—Quarterly, 1 and 4. *Argent, an eagle sable, preying upon an infant swaddled gules banded argent.* 2 and 3. [*Argent*] *three birds volant [gules].*

CREST.—*An oak tree sable, thereon a raven perched, proper.*

MOTTO.—FATO PRUDENTIA MAJOR.

In the 'Visitation of Lancashire, 1665,' Sir William Dugdale gives for arms: "*Arg. a tree sa. with a raven perched thereon.*" This was the Crest.

Robert fitz Hugh de Hindley, = Ellen, one of the dau's and coheirs of Gilbert called also Robert de Rysley. de Culcheth, by his wife Lady Cecilia de Lathom. She had the Risley estates as her dowry. *typ. Ed. I. (see Culcheth Ped. in this volume).*

[Henry] de Rysley, living 1326. = Margery Richard de Rysley. =  
Robert de Risley, son of Margaret, = John fitz Richard de Risley. 1321.  
1346. *Heir to the estates of Risley.*

Henry de Risley of Risley, died 1397. = Margaret, a widow in 1397.

William fitz Henry de Risley. In 1397 he released to his brother Nicholas and his heirs, all his right to his father's lands in Risley, Culcheth, Kenyon, Croft, Lawton, Weryngton, and Penketh, except a messuage and 20 acres of land in Culcheth. His father was then living.

Nicholas fitz Henry de Risley, son and heir. In 1397, his father being dead, he assigned to Margaret, his father's widow, as her dower, one-third of all his lands.

Ellen, mar. to Thurstan de Penketh.

Katherine Risley, released to her uncle Nicholas all her right to the above lands. *She seals with a double-headed eagle displayed.*

Gybone or Gilbert de Risley, = . . . dau'r of Richard Bold. s. & h. of Nicholas 1454. (Perkin Warbeck, in his proclamation against Henry VII., stigmatises a Risley as one of the King's creatures.)

Richard Risley, s. and h. = Alice, dau'r of John Byrom. Mar. sett. Margaret, wife of Gilbert 1463. Dead dated 1454. She remarried to . . . of John Masey in 1494. Sotheworth before 1494. of Sale.

Henry Risley, of Risley, = Margery, dau'r of Nicholas, Grace, 1480. s. and h. of Richard Hamon Masey of 1494, & m. to John 1463 & 1509. Rixton. 1536. Rotour.



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Robert Risley, of—Elizabeth, Randal, Alice, mar. to John, son of John Boydell Risley, s. and h. dau'r of a clerk. of Lymm, co. Chester. This marriage was of Henry. 1494. Richard 1494 & confirmed by Robert Cliff, official to the Holland 1536. Archdeacon of Chester, 15 Feb. 1504. At of Denton. the time of the marriage the parties were aged respectively 7 and 8 years.
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Richard Risley of—Alicia, d. and h. of [Sir John] Ireland. She was Risley, s. and h. divorced 17 June 1536, His guardian, Sir having herself sought the Thomas Boteler, divorce on the plea that granted the guar- she had married Risley dianship to Sir during the lifetime of her John Ireland, 20 husband Thomas Stanley. May, 9 Hen.VIII.	John Risley—Margaret, dau'r and of Risley, heir to Robert Rad- bro. and heir cliff. She remar. to Richard; to Richard Byrom, died 24 Apl. who with her was 14 Jac. I.; sued by John, s. and buried at h. of John Risley Eccles. 9 Eliz.
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Thomas Risley, 4 Feby. 34 Henry VIII. Letters Pateut of Inspeximus under the duchy seal, reciting that upon a trial in court, it was found that John Risley, bro. & heir to Richard Risley, and cousin and heir male of the body of Nicholas, son of Henry Risley, was the rightful owner of the family estates, and that Thomas Risley was base born.	John Risley—Magdalenc, of Risley, dau'r of heir to the John estates. Grimsditch. Married before 1571.	Richard. Lucy. Anne. Margaret. Frances. Alice.
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Richard Risley—Anne, dau'r of of Risley, mar. Robert Hyde at Stockport 11 of Norbury, Sept. 1593; d. co. Chester. about 1637.	Henry, bapt. at Winwick, Nov. 18, 1577; bur. at Winwick 11 Dec. 1623.	George.	Mary, m. to Edward Swansey.	Elizabeth, mar. to John Val- entine of Bentcliffe.
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Elizabeth, dau'r of—John Risley—Eleanor, dau'r of . . . . . . Scrimshire of of Risley; Humphreys, co. Derby. Norbury, co. Staf- died about "Mrs. Risley" bur. at ford. 1639. Winwick 1 Feb. 1661-2.	Beatrix, m. to Robt. Browne of Inskip.	Mary, mar. to Richard Whitehead of Astley.
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s. p.

Richard,  
ob.  
infans.

John Risley of—Margaret, d. of  
Risley, Esq., John Holcroft  
æt. 35 in 1665. of Holcroft; m.  
Bur. in linen at Newchurch  
at Winwick 19 15 May 1647;  
July 1682, as bur. at Win-  
"John Risley, wick 23 March  
Esq." 1675-6.

Jane.  
Eleanor,  
bapt. at  
Newchurch  
7 July 1631.

Martha,  
bapt. at New-  
church  
22 Jan.  
1634-5.  
Ob.  
infans.

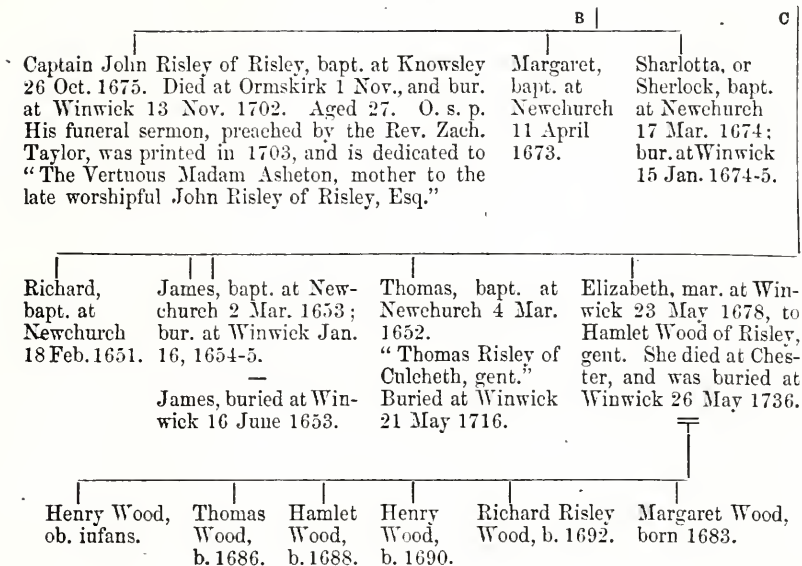
John Risley of Risley, Esq., bapt. at Newchurch 7 Feb. 1648. . . . remarried to  
"Æt. 8," at Visitation in 1665. [? 18.] Buried at Winwick . . . Asheton, Esq.  
30 Mar. 1676 (*vitâ patris*), as "John son of John Risley, Esq." before 1702.

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 EXUVIÆ .  
 JOHANNIS . RISLEY . DE . RISLEY . ARMIGERI .  
 ADOLESCENTIS . SI . QUI . ALIUS .  
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 EA . QUIPPE . FUT . MORUM . EJUS . PROBITAS .  
 INTEGRA . FIDES .  
 NUDA . VERITAS .  
 ERGA . DEUM . SANCTITAS . PARENTES . PIETAS . PROXIMOS . CHARITAS .  
 OMNES . COMITAS .  
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 QUOD . UNICUM . IMMATURIÆ . EJUS . MORTIS . EST . SOLAMEN .  
 PATRIÆ . CUI . INSERVIRE . POTUISSET .  
 MATRISQ . LACRYMIS . QUIBUS . INDULGENDUM . EST . OBIIT .  
 SUPREMUS . GENTIS . RISLEYANÆ . DECOR .  
 TUÆ . AUTEM . LECTOR . TUÆ .  
 SENIOR . SEU . JUNIOR . MORTIS . ABI . MEMOR .  
 OBIIT . NOV . I . SEPULTUS . EST . NOV . 13 . ANNO .  
 DOMINI . 1702 . ÆTATIS . SUÆ . 27 .

*ARMS.—Quarterly, 1 and 4. An eagle  
 preying upon a child. 2 and 3. Three  
 birds. CREST.—Upon an esquire's helmet  
 a tree, thereon a raven.*



## Risley.

Thomas Risley, gentleman, of Poulton with=Fearnhead, born 1588; buried at Warrington 14 Oct. 1670; æt. 82. [Possibly a son of Thomas, son of Richard Risley and Alicia Ireland.]

—HERE LYETH  
THE BODY OF  
THOMAS RIS-  
LEY WHO WAS  
BURIED THE  
14 DAY OF OCT.  
AGED 82:  
1670.

AND OF THOMASIN  
HIS WIFE WHO WAS  
BURIED THE 26  
DAY OF IULY: AGED  
82: WANTING 3  
WEEKS.  
1681.

John Risley,  
born 1628,  
of Pem-  
broke Coll.  
Oxon. Died  
14 January,  
1661.

The Rev. Thomas Risley,=Catherine  
A.M. Born 27 August,  
1630. Fellow of Pem-  
broke College, Oxford.  
Deacon and Priest Nov.  
10, 1662. Compelled to  
surrender his fellowship  
on account of non-con-  
formity 24 Aug. 1662.  
Built Risley Chapel about  
1707, and performed ser-  
vice there. Author of  
"The Cursed Family,"  
founded upon Prov. iii.  
33, and Jer. x. last verse.  
Died 1716. Buried at  
Risley Chapel.

Thomas  
Risley,  
s. and h.

The Rev. John Risley,=Hannah . . .  
M.A., of Glasgow Coll. died 27 May  
Minister at Risley Cha- 1730, aged 35.  
pel. Born 29 Jan. 1690. Bur. at Risley  
Died 3 Sep. 1743; bur. Chapel.  
at Risley Chapel.

Hannah, died 12 Nov. 1723.  
Buried at Risley.

(Query whether other issue.)

### RISLEY MEMORANDA.

1. Joan, widow of Sir John Risley, married Sr. Christopher Gameys, knt. before 1418. "Writ to the Sheriffs of London to summon John Rysley of Broseley in the parish of Winwick, gentleman, to render to Richard Broke, serjeant-at-law, John Koper, Edward Okeren, Will. Marencr, and John Browne, executors of John Rysley, knt. and Christopher Gameys, knight, and Joan his wife, late the wife of the said Sir John Rysley 100 shillings. Sept. 12. 6 Henry V. A.D. 1418."

2. Sir John Risley, knight, 7 Hen. VII. 1491, was one of the King's feoffees in the trust of the Duchy of Lancaster, on his intending to go abroad; and in the Act of Resumption 11 Hen. VII. c. 48, 1495, there is a proviso that it should not prejudice Sir John Risley's grant from the King of part of the lands of John, Lord Zouche.

3. Robert Risley of Winwick, co. Lanc., mentioned in a charter of Henry Risley, "late of" Risley, Esq. 26 Feb. 1509.



4. Henry Risley, Esq. of Tottenham, ment<sup>d</sup> in one of the Lanc. Risley charters with reference to Lands in co. Middlesex, 20 May 1510.

5. 25 July, 24 Hen. VIII. Bond from John Ryseley of Warrington, gent., and Walter Barnard of Est Hatley, co. Cambridge, to Symon Ryseley, clerk, conditioned to be void on the surrendering a lease of the parsonage of Crawden, which had been made to Simon's use.

6. 3 and 4 Ph. and M. Richard Ryseley, clerk, mentioned in a deed of John Risley of Risley, Esq.

7. 1716, 21 May. Tho. Risley of Culcheth, gent., buried at Winwick.

8. No date. "John Risley of Risley, gave £60 to the poor of Culcheth, which now (no date) lyeth on the Workhouse in Culcheth."

9. No date. "John Risley of Risley, left that an almshouse should be built for the poor of Risley Lordship, which was built accordingly."

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